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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/808,694	<b>Applicant(s)</b> LEGRAND ET AL.	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-29, 31-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-29 and 31-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### DETAILED ACTION

- 1 This action is responsive to the amendment filed on October 23, 2006.
- 2 The cancellation of claim 7 is acknowledged. Pending claims are 1-6, 8-29 and 31-63.

#### New Ground of Rejection

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 8-20, 22-28, 31-49 and 52-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dias (US 6,540,791 B1) in view of Nguyen et al. (US 2003/0037384 A1).

Dias (US' 791 B1) teaches a method for preparing a hair bleaching composition by mixing the bleaching ingredients of the composition in a single bottle (see col. 48, lines 11-20), wherein the bleaching composition comprising an oxidizing agents such as hydrogen peroxide, persulfates and bromates as claimed in claims 1, 4, 15 and 18-19 (see col. 4, line 62 and col. 5, lines 21-34) and sequestering agents such as polyaminocarboxylic acids and wherein the sequestering agents may be used in the form of their alkali metal salts, alkaline earth metal salts or ammonium salts as claimed in claims 1-3, 5, 15-17, 20 (see col. 8, lines 44-53), wherein the composition further comprises cationic and nonionic amphiphilic polymers as conditioning polymers as claimed in claims 8-9, 22 and 34 (see col. 15, lines 45-50), wherein the amphiphilic polymer is presented in the amount of 0.05 to 20 % and 0.1 to 10% as claimed in claims 35-36 and 54-55 (see col. 15, lines 19-20), surfactants in the amounts of 0.01 to 50% which covered the

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claimed ranges as claimed in claims 10, 37-39 and 56-59 (see col. 9, lines 42-59), rheology modifiers (sodium alginate or gum Arabic) in the amount of 0.05 to 20% as claimed in claims 11 and 40-42 (see col. 15, lines 17-20 and 39), alkalizing agents (basifying agents) in the amounts of 0.1 to 20% which within the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 12 and 60 (see col. 7, lines 34-41), solvents in the amounts of 5 to 99.98% which overlapped with the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 13, 43-46 and 61-62 (see col. 45, lines 1-14), silicone as claimed in claims 14, 23 and 47 (see col. 19, lines 1-67) cationic polymers in the amounts of 0.1 to 10% which overlapped with the claimed ranges as claimed in claims 31-33 and 52-53 (see col. 15, lines 51-56), . Dias (US' 791 B1) also teaches methods for bleaching and/or coloring hair as claimed in claims 24-26, 48-49 and 63(see col. 31, lines 44-67 and col. 49, lines 24-43). Dias (US' 791 B1) further teaches a hair bleaching and coloring kits as claimed in claimed 27-28 (see col. 54, claim 19).

The instant claims differ from the reference by reciting specific formula of polycarboxylic acids.

However, Dias (US' 791 B1) clearly teaches compositions for treating hair comprising polyaminocarboxylic acids as suitable heavy metal ion sequestrant compounds (see col. 8, lines 44-46).

Nguyen et al. (US' 384 A1) in analogous art of hair treating formulation, teaches a composition comprising sequestering agents (complexing agents) such as lauroyl ethylene diamine triacetic acid that represents the claimed formula (I), when in the claimed formula (I), R is chosen from the claimed radical  $-(CH_2)_2-N(COR'')-CH_2-CO_2X$ , when R'' is a linear alkyl group

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and X is a hydrogen atom as claimed (see page 5, paragraph, 0045 and STIC Search Report page 21, the formula).

Therefore, in view of the teaching of the secondary reference, one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to apply such a method by incorporating the sequestering agents (complexing agents) as taught by Nguyen et al. (US' 384 A1) in the composition of Dias (US' 791 B1) to arrive at the claimed invention. Such a modification would be obvious because the primary reference of Dias clearly suggests the use of heavy metal ion sequestrants such as polyaminocarboxylic acids which are valuable for hair (see col. 8, lines 14-27 and lines 44-46). Nguyen et al. as a secondary reference clearly teaches the species lauroyl ethylene diamine triacetic acid that represents the claimed formula (I). Therefore, there is a clear suggestion and sufficient motivation to one having ordinary skill in the art to be motivated to incorporate the complexing agents as taught by Nguyen et al. in the composition of Dias to arrive at the claimed invention with a reasonable expectation of success for the delivery of controlled oxidizing action as well as for the provision of good storage stability of hair coloring products, absent unexpected results.

4      Claims 6 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dias (US 6,540,791 B1) in view of Nguyen et al. (US 2003/0037384 A1) and further in view of Huglin et al. (WO 00/25730).

The disclosures of Dias (US' 791 B1) and Nguyen et al. (US' 384 A1) as described above, do not teach or disclose methylglycinediacetic acid as claimed in claims 6 and 21.

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Huglin et al. (WO' 730) in analogous art of hair bleaching formulation, teaches a composition comprising methylglycindiactic acid as claimed in claims 6 and 21 (see page 14, formula 72).

Therefore, in view of teaching of the secondary reference, one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to modify the composition of Dias by incorporating the compound methylglycinediacetic acid as taught by Huglin et al. (WO' 730) to arrive at the claimed invention with the reasonable expectation of success for protecting the hair against photolytic degradation and would expect such a composition to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

5        Claims 29 and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dias (US 6,540,791 B1) in view of Nguyen et al. (US 2003/0037384 A1) and further in view of Di La Mettrie et al. (US 6,254,646 B1).

The disclosures of Dias (US' 791 B1) and Nguyen et al. (US' 384 A1) as described above, do not teach or disclose a process for permanently reshaping keratin fibers as claimed.

Di La Mettrie et al. (US' 646 B1) in analogous art of hair treating formulation, teaches a process for reshaping hair comprising the step of applying to the hair a reducing composition followed by applying an oxidizing composition as claimed in claims 50-51 (see col. 13, lines 9-19).

Therefore, in view of the teaching of the secondary reference, one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would be motivated to utilize a reducing composition followed by a bleaching (oxidizing) composition for permanent reshaping the hair as taught by

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Di La Mettore et al. (US' 646 B1) and would expect such a process to have similar properties to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

With respect to claim 29, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize a kit for permanent reshaping hair by separating the reducing composition from the oxidizing composition to arrive at the claimed invention because De La Mettore et al. (US' 646 B1) clearly teaches a reducing composition and an oxidizing composition which implies that the two compositions are separated from each other and thus, a person of the ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to keep the reducing composition and the oxidizing composition in the separate containers to arrive at the claimed invention.

***Response to Applicant's Arguments***

6 Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-29 and 31-63 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

7 The references listed on from PTO-1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the rejection above.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO**

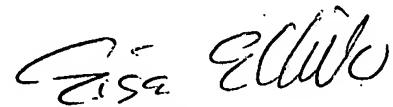
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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